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Plaintiffs Gregory Jones and Darlene Jones, in their individual capacities and also in their capacities as successors in interest to Eric Jones, for their complaint against defendants County of Del Norte and Ramsay Williamson, hereby allege as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. On May 16, 2008, Eric Jones was driving home to Brookings, Oregon after visiting his sister in Medford, Oregon, a trip he had made on countless prior occasions. While driving in Del Norte County, California as part of his customary route, Eric was pulled over by members of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department, allegedly for reckless driving. Eric exited his vehicle at the instruction of the deputies, and made clear to the deputies that he was not armed. Seconds later, Deputy Ramsey Williamson fired two bullets at Eric's dog, which had exited the vehicle. Then, after Deputy Williamson disabled Eric's dog, he fired a bullet at Eric, hitting Eric in the abdomen and disabling him. After disabling Eric with his first shot, Deputy Williamson fired a second shot at Eric, which entered Eric's chest and pierced his lung. Eric Jones, an unarmed motorist alleged to have done nothing more than reckless driving on the way home from a visit with his sister, was killed.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This action, filed to redress the violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, arises under the Civil Rights Act of 1871, 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction of this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1343, and 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 4. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b) because the defendants reside in this district, and because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this district.

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- 5. Plaintiff Gregory Jones is the father of Eric Jones. Greg Jones brings this action in his individual capacity, and also in his capacity as a successor in interest to Eric Jones. Greg Jones is a resident of Brookings, Oregon.
- 6. Plaintiff Darlene Jones is the mother of Eric Jones. Darlene Jones brings this action in her individual capacity, and also in her capacity as a successor in interest to Eric Jones. Darlene Jones is a resident of Brookings, Oregon.
- 7. At all relevant times, defendant Ramsay Williamson was employed as a Deputy Sheriff by the County of Del Norte. Defendant Ramsay Williamson was acting within the course and scope of his employment as a Deputy Del Norte County Sheriff when he engaged in each of the acts alleged in this complaint. On information and belief, Ramsay Williamson is a resident of Del Norte County, California.
- 8. Defendant County of Del Norte is a political subdivision of the State of California. At all relevant times, the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department was a department or agency of the County of Del Norte. At all relevant times, the County of Del Norte was the employer of defendant Ramsay Williamson.

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

- 9. On June 16, 2008, pursuant to section 910 of the California Government Code, plaintiffs Greg Jones and Darlene Jones filed claims for damages with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Del Norte to redress damages incurred by the conduct alleged in this complaint.
- 10. On June 18, 2008, the County of Del Norte notified plaintiffs Greg Jones and Darlene Jones that it has rejected the claims that they filed on June 16, 2008.

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- 11. On May 16, 2008, Eric Jones was driving home to Brookings, Oregon from Medford, Oregon after visiting his sister in Medford. He was traveling with his two dogs. The route from Medford to Brookings along the Redwood Highway dips below the Oregon-California border and goes through Del Norte County.
- 12. While Eric drove through Del Norte County, members of the California Highway Patrol began pursuing Eric's vehicle, allegedly to investigate a complaint concerning reckless driving. At some point before Eric's car reached the Hiouchi Bridge, the tires on his vehicle were disabled by a spike strip deployed by the California Highway Patrol. Eric came to a stop at the side of the Hiouchi Bridge, where members of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department were waiting for him.
- 13. After Eric stopped his vehicle on the side of the Hiouchi Bridge, members of the Del Norte Sheriff's Department ordered Eric to exit the vehicle and to make clear that he had no weapon in his hands. Eric complied with these orders, exiting his vehicle and demonstrating that he was not carrying any weapons.
- 14. While Eric was outside of his vehicle complying with sheriff deputies' orders, one of his dogs ran out of Eric's vehicle. Deputy Williamson fired two shots at the dog, disabling the dog.
- 15. After Deputy Williamson disabled the dog that ran out of Eric's vehicle, he fired a shot at Eric. Deputy Williamson's first shot at Eric hit Eric in the abdomen, incapacitating Eric but not killing him. Deputy Williamson then fired a second shot at Eric, hitting him through the chest, piercing his lung, and ultimately killing him.
- 16. At the time that Deputy Williamson fired his weapon at Eric, he knew that: (1) Eric was unarmed; (2) Eric was not suspected to have committed a violent felony; (3) the dog that had exited Eric's vehicle had been shot twice and was incapacitated if not dead; (4) Eric was not close enough to Deputy Williamson to strike him and did not provide any indication that he intended to do so; and (5) Eric's vehicle had been disabled by the spike strip.

At the time that Deputy Williamson fired his first shot at Eric, he had no reason to

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18. At the time that Deputy Williamson fired his second shot at Eric, he had no reason to believe that the use of deadly force against Eric was necessary to protect Deputy Williamson or anybody else from an imminent threat of great bodily harm or death. Deputy Williamson's only

anybody else from an imminent threat of great bodily harm or death.

Deputy Williamson was acting in accordance with the training and instruction he received from the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department.

purpose for firing a second shot was to kill Eric because he had already wounded him. In doing so,

believe that the use of deadly force against Eric was necessary to protect Deputy Williamson or

- 19. Deputy Williamson's unreasonable use of deadly force constitutes a violation of Eric's rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Deputy Williamson's conduct also deprived Eric of his right to life, and caused Eric to incur significant pain and suffering prior to his death. Eric also incurred medical, funeral, and burial expenses as a result of Deputy Williamson's conduct.
- 20. Greg Jones and Darlene Jones have suffered, and will continue to suffer, significant damages as a result of Deputy Williamson's killing of Eric Jones. These damages are for, among other things, loss of support, loss of companionship, loss of care, loss of society, and loss of earnings.
- 21. Deputy Williamson's conduct was malicious, wanton, oppressive, and accomplished with a conscious disregard for the rights of Eric Jones, warranting an award of punitive damages.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Against Ramsay Williamson For Violation Of Civil Rights, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (By Plaintiffs As Successors In Interest To Eric Jones)

- 22. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1 through 21 as though fully set forth herein.
- 23. Defendant Ramsay Williamson, while working as a Sheriff's Deputy for the County of Del Norte Sheriff's Department, and acting within the course and scope of his duties, used lethal force against Eric Jones without legal justification and without a reasonable belief that the use of

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deadly force was necessary to protect Deputy Williamson or anybody else from an imminent risk of

- Defendant Ramsay Williamson's use of lethal force against Eric Jones violated Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- 25. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, which constituted a violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, Eric Jones incurred medical expenses. burial expenses, and funeral expenses.
- 26. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, which constituted a violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, Eric Jones incurred great pain and suffering prior to his death.
- 27. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, which constituted a violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, Eric Jones lost his life.
- 28. Deputy Williamson's conduct was malicious, wanton, oppressive, and accomplished with a conscious disregard for the rights of Eric Jones, entitling Plaintiffs, as administrators of the Estate of Eric Jones, to an award of exemplary and punitive damages.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Against County of Del Norte For Violation Of Civil Rights, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (By Plaintiffs As Successors In Interest To Eric Jones)

- 29. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1 through 28 as though fully set forth herein.
- 30. The conduct of Deputy Williamson, which deprived Eric Jones of his rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, was the result of a longstanding practice or custom which constitutes the standard operating procedure of Del Norte

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County. Deputy Williamson was acting pursuant to his training, instruction, and departmental policy when he fired his weapon at Eric Jones without having an objectively reasonable belief that the use of deadly force against Eric Jones was necessary to protect himself or another from an imminent threat of great bodily harm or death. Deputy Williams also was acting pursuant to his training, instruction, and departmental policy when he fired a second shot at Eric Jones in order to kill him after he already had wounded him with his previous shot.

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- 31. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, which constituted a violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and was done pursuant to Deputy Williamson's training, instruction, and departmental policy, Eric Jones incurred medical expenses, burial expenses, and funeral expenses.
- 32. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, which constituted a violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and was done pursuant to Deputy Williamson's training, instruction, and departmental policy, Eric Jones incurred great pain and suffering prior to his death.
- 33. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, which constituted a violation of Eric Jones' rights under the Fourth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, and was done pursuant to Deputy Williamson's training, instruction, and departmental policy, Eric Jones lost his life.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Against All Defendants For Assault And Battery (By Plaintiffs As Successors In Interest To Eric Jones)

- 34. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1 through 33 as though fully set forth herein.
- 35. Defendant Ramsay Williamson, while working as a Sheriff's Deputy for the County of Del Norte Sheriff's Department, and acting within the course and scope of his duties, intentionally

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fired two bullets at Eric Jones. The first bullet struck Eric Jones in the abdomen, injuring and incapacitating him. Then, while Eric Jones was injured and incapacitated, Defendant Ramsay Williamson fired a second bullet at Eric Jones, killing him.

- 36. The first bullet that Deputy Williamson fired at Eric Jones resulted in severe injury to Eric Jones. The second bullet that Deputy Williamson fired at Eric Jones resulted in further injury and, ultimately, death.
- 37. Deputy Williamson had no legal justification for firing his weapon at Eric Jones, and Deputy Williamson's use of force against Eric Jones while carrying out his police duties was an unreasonable use of force.
- 38. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, Eric Jones incurred medical expenses, burial expenses, and funeral expenses.
- 39. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, Eric Jones incurred great pain and suffering prior to his death.
- 40. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's illegal and unjustified shooting of Eric Jones, Eric Jones lost his life.
- 41. Deputy Williamson's conduct was malicious, wanton, oppressive, and accomplished with a conscious disregard for the rights of Eric Jones, entitling Plaintiffs, as administrators of the Estate of Eric Jones, to an award of exemplary and punitive damages.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Against All Defendants For Negligence

(By Plaintiffs As Successors In Interest To Eric Jones)

- 42. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1 through 41 as though fully set forth herein.
 - 43. A police officer has a duty to use reasonable care in employing deadly force.
- 44. Defendant Ramsay Williamson, while working as a Sheriff's Deputy for the County of Del Norte Sheriff's Department, failed to use reasonable care in employing deadly force against Eric Jones.

	45.	As a consequence of his failure to use reasonable care in employing deadly force
against	Eric Jo	ones, Defendant Ramsay Williamson shot Eric Jones twice without legal justification of
reason.	The fi	rst bullet struck Eric Jones in the abdomen, injuring and incapacitating him. Then,
while I	Eric Jon	es was injured and incapacitated, Defendant Ramsay Williamson fired a second bullet
at Eric	Jones,	killing him.

- 46. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's negligence, Eric Jones incurred medical expenses, burial expenses, and funeral expenses.
- 47. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's negligence, Eric Jones incurred great pain and suffering prior to his death.
 - 48. As a result of Defendant Ramsay Williamson's negligence, Eric Jones lost his life.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Against County Of Del Norte For Negligent Training and Supervision (By Plaintiffs As Successors In Interest To Eric Jones)

- 49. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1 through 48 as though fully set forth herein.
- 50. Defendants County of Del Norte has a duty to use due care to train and supervise members of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department to ensure that members of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department carry out their duties in a lawful manner.
- 51. Defendant County of Del Norte breached its duty of care by failing to train and supervise Deputy Ramsay Williamson to ensure that he carried out his duties in a lawful manner. Among other things, defendants failed to train Deputy Williamson to refrain from using deadly force in a situation in which the use of deadly force was not objectively reasonably necessary to prevent the escape of a dangerous felon or to protect himself or another from an imminent threat of serious bodily harm or death. In addition, Deputy Williams also was acting pursuant to his training, instruction, and departmental policy when he fired a second shot at Eric Jones in order to kill him after he already had wounded him with his previous shot.

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5	52.	As a consequence of defendant County of Del Norte's failure to use reasonable care in
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ncapaci	tating	him. Then, while Eric Jones was injured and incapacitated, Deputy Williamson fired a
second b	ullet a	t Eric Jones, killing him.

- 53. As a consequence of defendant County of Del Norte's failure to use reasonable care in training and supervision Deputy Ramsay Williamson, Eric Jones incurred medical expenses, burial expenses, and funeral expenses.
- 54. As a consequence of defendant County of Del Norte's failure to use reasonable care in training and supervision Deputy Ramsay Williamson, Eric Jones incurred great pain and suffering prior to his death.
- 55. As a As a consequence of defendant County of Del Norte's failure to use reasonable care in training and supervision Deputy Ramsay Williamson, Eric Jones lost his life.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Against All Defendants For Wrongful Death

(By Greg Jones and Darlene Jones In Their Individual Capacities)

- 56. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate paragraphs 1 through 55 as though fully set forth herein.
 - 57. Greg Jones is the father of Eric Jones.
 - 58. Darlene Jones is the mother of Eric Jones.
 - 59. The defendants' wrongful conduct, as alleged above, caused the death of Eric Jones.
- 60. As a result of defendants' wrongful conduct, which caused the death of Eric Jones, plaintiffs Greg Jones and Darlene Jones incurred medical expenses, funeral expenses, and burial expenses.
- 61. Plaintiffs Greg Jones and Darlene Jones have been personally devastated by the loss of their son, Eric Jones. Among other things, they have suffered a loss of companionship, loss of care, loss of support, and loss of society.

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Such other relief as the Court may deem proper.

Costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988;

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL JURY

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial of all claims against Defendants.

DATED: July <u>Z</u>, 2008

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